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More trees lined up for the axe; each of them are unique

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Flex menace

Flexes everywhere in Bengaluru in contempt of 2018 HC order

Budget overlooks right to fair, quality education for all children with focus on digitisation and highest allocation, experts say

LET THEM EAT (DIGITAL) CAKE

'Allocation as percentage of total expenditure drops over past 7 years, from 10.4% to 9.5%'

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In the union budget 2023-24 presented on Wednesday by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the central government made an allocation of Rs 1.12 lakh crore for the education sector — so far, the highest allocation granted to the ministry.

However, experts seemed disappointed. Some stated that the budget has completely overlooked Right to Education, along with fair and quality education for all children: instead, the push is for digitalisation at schools and higher education.

"Union Budget 2023-24 comes as a deep disappointment to those working in the school education sector. While the finance minister acknowledges the importance of quality education, she has failed to allocate a fair budget to realise the same. The pandemic has disproportionately affected the education of children from marginalised communities, especially girls; the system is yet to recover from systemic collapse and learning deprivation," said Niranjanaradhya VP, chief convener, People's Alliance for Fundamental Right to Education, and public education expert.



In the budget speech, it was announced that a National Digital Library for children and adolescents will be set-up for facilitating the availability of quality books

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There are schools without toilets or clean drinking water. Roughly 12.5 lakh teacher positions are vacant nationwide in government schools...

—Niranjanaradhya VP, public education expert

Rapid Road Test

Who will pay Rs 28 lakh to IISc for road evaluation?



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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike in association with a private firm experimented with 'rapid roads' that can be built in record time.

However, now the rapid road has created a 'rapid puzzle' for the civic agency. After the construction of rapid roads, there were a lot of complaints from motorists about poor quality and cracks resurfacing. So, BBMP decided to conduct an evaluation of this road and roped in the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) to understand whether this technology should be adopted for road building in the future or not. However, the big question is who will foot the bill for the IISc's evaluation?

IISc experts are quoting Rs 28 lakh to evaluate the road condition. Now, BBMP wants the private agency to foot the bill. However, the agency is yet to make up its mind.

"We need to evaluate the technology; our engineer-in-chief BS Prahlad has already written to IISc and the premiere institute has said that Rs 28 lakh needs to be paid. So, why should we pay for the evaluation? If the road is constructed by a private agency, then it is the duty of the private agency to do an evaluation." BBMP chief commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said.

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2 THINGS TO DO



01 Dance, dance, dance

Attakkalari Centre for Movement Arts presents "BODY MATTERS: Move to Transform", a month-long Arts in Education Festival supported by the Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka. This is the first festival of its kind in India that celebrates the important roles dance and movement arts are increasingly playing in the fast-developing innovative education scene in India. Along with artists from India, this month-long festival will feature artists and organisations from Germany, Italy, Spain, South Korea, Canada and Japan. **Where:** multiple venues
When: Till February 23
Info and passes: 9663590692 (WhatsApp)

02 Cyrus the funnyman



Raell Padamsee's ACE brings to you a fantastically funny show by the one and only, Cyrus Broacha. Broacha is a TV anchor, theatre personality, comedian, political satirist, columnist, podcaster and an author. This 1-hour standalone show called Cyrus Broacha Unlimited is

an action-packed show with interactive quizzes, talent rounds, games, Cyrus's crack a jack humour, and so much more.
Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall; **When:** February 8, 7:30 pm; **Tickets:** bookmyshow.com

B'luru's sky-high ride, near Jayadeva Hospital

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Bengaluru's biggest metro station, coming up near Jayadeva Hospital, is being constructed at a cost of Rs 130 crore. This will be an interchange of Yellow (RV Road junction to Bommasandra) and Pink line (Bannerghatta-Nagawara). This will also be the highest metro station as it will be above the road corridor.

Chief Minister Basavaraj S Bommai said that the second phase of the metro work will be completed only by 2024. The third phase of the metro work will start only after the Union Government gives its permission for Rs 26,000 crore projects.

The CM on Thursday said, "We will wrap up the second phase by 2024. Following this, we will take up the third phase of metro work. This will be followed by the fourth phase for which grants will be sought from the Centre. The fourth phase of metro will reach suburban areas and may be linked to nearby towns like Magadi."

Meanwhile, Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Kaushal Kishore on Thursday said in the Lok Sabha that the Centre has received a proposal from Government of Karnataka for taking up the third phase of Metro which will be of 44.65 km in length. The two corridors proposed in the third phase are JP Nagar 4th Phase to Kempapura (32.15 Km) and Hosahalli to Kadabagere (12.50 Km) and the estimated completion cost of the project is Rs 16,328 crore.

The second phase of Metro was delayed due to the following reasons. "The project could not



The biggest and tallest metro station near Jayadeva Hospital will connect the Yellow & Pink Lines

take off initially due to the delay in receiving permission for tree cutting as a number of writ petitions were filed. Finally, we got permission from the High Court in 2019-end. The tunnelling project got delayed to tenders being cancelled initially due to higher premium, there were issues in land acquisition and Covid induced lockdowns and other restrictions," the CM said.

According to the data provided in the Assembly recently, the project cost of Phase One was Rs 14,133.17 crore. For Phase Two, the project cost is estimated to be Rs 30,695.12 crore and Phase 2 A and B has been pegged at Rs 14,788.10 crore. Out of this, 10,341.01 crore has been provided by the Centre, Rs 24,513.87 crore by state and the rest from other sources.

In Phase Two, the most expensive project is Kalena Agra-

The third phase of the metro work will start only after the Centre gives permission for Rs 26,000 crore project work

hara to Nagawara (Rs 12,816.95 crore), followed by RV Road-Bommasandra (Rs 6,900.05 crore) while the Whitefield project cost is Rs 5,449.36 crore). In Phase 2 and 2B, the most expensive project is the construction between KR Puram and KIA (Rs 9,583.54 crore).

Meanwhile, the State Government has set the following deadline for completion of various projects. The Reach Two of the project which is currently operational till Kengeri will be extended till Challaghatta (2.05 km) by May this year.

The Reach Three where Nagasandra is the last stop will see an extension till Madavara (3.14 km) by August. The Baiyappanahalli-Whitefield (15.81 km)

stretch is likely to be operational by March 2023. However, in this stretch, the initial operation will be between KR Puram and Whitefield and feeder services will be operated between Baiyappanahalli and KR Puram.

The Reach Five that connects RV Road to Bommasandra (19.15 km) via Electronics City will be ready by September 2023. However, the new line that connects Kalena Agrahara to Nagawara (21.26 km) is likely to be completed by March 2025. The Metro line via Outer Ring Road that connects Central Silk Board to KR Puram (19.75 km) and Airport Road to Kempegowda international airport (38.44 km) has been given a deadline of June 2026.

All fun and play for kids

With just two days to go for the first ever Kannada Habba being organised by Vijay Karnataka, celebrities and commoners are all raring to entertain crowds.

Celebrity singer Naveen Sajju who will perform in a music concert said, "I am pretty excited for my performance. My team is preparing rehearsals and hope it will be a treat to perform in front of the audience."

Actress Kushee Ravi said that before Ugadi, they were planning to join another festival which is the VK Kannada Habba at the Central College premises. She said she was participating in the fest and hoped that a lot of others would join as well.

VK Kannada Habba also promises to have a lot of activities for children. Well-known artist Badal Nanjundaswamy will be hosting 'Badal World' at 11.30 am on Sunday. This will feature a 200-feet-long canvas where children aged between five to 16 are eligible to paint. Badal Nanjundaswamy who will be painting the canvas will also guide the children on honing their skills.

Nanjundaswamy said, "The main aim of this programme is to encourage creativity among children. Every kid is curious and creative and given a chance, they can bring out their thoughts into painting. I feel that this will be the best platform for express-

ing their creativity."

The painting programme will be followed by a story telling session by Badal. "While painting shows the creative part of the children, stories will increase curiosity. This will also help in attaining fluency in language as well as increase the concentration," he said. The second day of the programme will also feature a fancy dress programme at 10.30 am and this is open to kids aged between 5 to 12 years. The winners will also get attractive prizes as well. There will be a rangoli competition at 10.30 am on Sunday for those above 18. The rangoli competition is being categorised into dot rangoli and free hand rangoli



Left to right: Celebrity singer Naveen Sajju, social artist Badal Nanjundaswamy and actress Kushee Ravi

competitions. The participants have to be at the venue by 10 am and the rangoli needs to be drawn within 4x4 feet space. TM Rajesh, a techie said, "I am pretty interested to be part of the books mela as I can get to meet scholars and fellow readers."

Music director and singer Vasuki Vaibhav added, "I would request everyone to participate in the pro-

gramme as we are performing a music concert." VK Kannada Habba will be held on February 4 and 5 between 10 am to 9 pm at Jnanjyoti auditorium at Bengaluru City University (BCU) central college campus. The entry for Kannada Habba is free. To register, WhatsApp your name, address and contact number to 7676668588.

— Prakash VL

Axe-men: Apocalypse

EIA report by researchers reveals **55** trees of **23** species to be chopped for Sankey flyover; these include mango, tamarind trees, raintrees

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As per the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the proposed Sankey Tank flyover prepared by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the total number of trees to be cut is 39. But, according to a rapid Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) study by a group of researchers, 55 trees of 23 species will be cut on the 600m stretch where the flyover is being constructed, and 27 trees of 11 species will be negatively impacted. The construction will also have multiple irreversible environmental impacts.

"The list of 55 trees includes a raintree with a girth of 500 cm, a mango tree of 450 cm girth, and a tamarind tree at 422 cm. There are 16 flowering and 23 fruiting trees that would be cut. As many as 400 saplings and trees of paper mulberry growing on the tank bund would be cut. None of this has been accounted for in the DPR," mentions the report.

Researchers say that among the 27 trees to be impacted, one of the most notable species found in the survey was a massive Indian rubber fig with a girth of 1,100 cm and a height of 12 m. Ficus are keystone species that provide a range of ecological benefits and serve as a habitat for biodiversity ranging from small mammals to birds to insects.

"The Indian rubber fig is a heritage tree. Heritage trees across cities are threatened by projects. Recognising their importance, the Uttar Pradesh and Chandigarh governments have issued orders to protect them. While this tree is not marked to be cut, there could be adverse impacts because of the construction work," said Vijay Nishant, founder, Project Vruksha and one of the co-authors of the study.

According to Harini Nagendra, a professor of sustainability at Azim



Group conducted an environment impact study on the stretch near Sankey Tank

the lake ecosystem are just some negative impacts, the researchers say.

Botched planning

"Bengaluru was never made to accommodate so many people. Urban planners should consider this fact and draw a line. BBMP, before carrying out any project involving the cutting of trees invites objections from the public. For the proposed flyover, thousands of objections have come their way. It is time for them to consider the objections and make the right decision," added Nishant.

Experts say it is time to rethink our approach to urban development rather than looking at individual projects. "Once you impact an area, a zone of disturbance spreads into other green spaces in the vicinity, which in this case are the IISc campus, the Palace and the Aranya Bhavan area to name a few. We look at infrastructure projects in a piecemeal view. We are not looking at the fact that when multiple such projects come up, the overall impact on the city is huge. We should think about how the city can grow using public transport and other means to protect the green cover," added Nagendra.

Premji University and one of the researchers, the proposed flyover will lead to multiple environmental impacts that will be irreversible. Nagendra says the area is an important corridor for birds and another biodiversity movement from the Palace to the north Bengaluru reserve forest area. The tank also has a history dating to the 1870s and there are 88 species of birds sighted including the spot-billed pelican (*Pelecanus philippensis*), categorised as "near-threatened" in the IUCN Red List.

Lasting effect

"The area is rich in biodiversity and the project will adversely impact this. Apart from destroying the habitat due to the loss of trees, the flyover, during and after construction, will also lead to a lot of noise pollution. For instance, the IISc campus has slender lorises and other fauna that is sensitive to such disturbances," said Nagendra. Loss of carbon sequestration, rise in air pollution, and adverse effects on biodiversity and

CRIME FILES

Man hits wife to death with dumbbells

A man killed his wife by hitting her with dumbbells during a quarrel. The man Morris killed his wife Lidia at their home in Ramamurthy Nagar on Thursday morning. The couple had been married for 18 years and have three children. Lidia was a homemaker while Morris, who worked at a hotel, had recently quit his job.

The couple lived on the third floor of their building and rented out the other floors. Frequent quarrels used to erupt between them as the man is said to have suspected that his wife was having an affair. "After their kids went to school on Thursday around 9.30 am, the couple got into a fight and the man hit his wife on her face, head and elsewhere with dumbbells," said the police.

According to the police, the

neighbours heard the couple fighting and called the police. By the time they reached, the woman had been killed.

Fatal banter

A strange incident took place in HSR Layout Police Station limits where a man stabbed a friend for not showing him his wife after making a video call. Rajesh Mishra was talking to his wife on the phone at the factory where he worked. His colleague Suresh is said to have asked him to do a video call to his wife.

Angered by this, Rajesh had an argument with Suresh. Soon a fight broke out and later, Suresh stabbed Rajesh. Rajesh, who was seriously injured was admitted to a private hospital. HSR Layout Police have arrested the accused.

Harassment drives woman to suicide

A young doctor is said to have died by suicide due to harassment in Sanjaynagar. The victim has been identified as dentist Priyanshi Tripathi, who hails from Lucknow. Priyanshi was working as a dentist at a prestigious hospital in Bengaluru. According to the police, Sumit, a doctor at the same hospital, was forcing Priyanshi to marry him. "Priyanshi had refused the proposal and Sumit was angry about this and spread rumours about her to other people," said the police. The police added Sumit was forcing Priyanshi to drink and smoke and was pestering her for money. Priyanshi's parents have alleged that despite requests not to disturb their daughter, Sumit continued to harass her. - Ahna Prakash

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As Bengaluru gears up for the next edition of Aero India, a full scale LCA-Tejas aircraft in Final Operational Clearance (FOC) configuration will be at the centre stage of "India Pavilion". The 14th Edition of Aero India will have a separate "India Pavilion" which is based on Fixed Wing Platform theme to showcase India growth in the fixed wing area including the future prospects for the same. India Pavilion will further showcase the growth of India in developing an eco-system for Fixed Wing platform which includes the demonstration of various structural modules, simulators, systems (LRUs) etc of LCA-Tejas aircraft being produced by Private Partners. There will also be a section for Defence space, New Technologies and a UAV section which will give an insight about the growth of India in each sector.

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No-fly zone

As a part of safety and security of the VVIPs and foreign delegates attending the G-20 Presidency Meeting in the city, police has declared a 'Temporary No Fly Zone' including drone, UAVs, glider aircraft, all small aircraft and non-scheduled aircraft within a

1-km radius of Hotel Taj West End from February 4 to February 11. The G-20 Presidency Meeting is taking place from February 5 to February 7 on Energy Transition & Environmental and Climate Change sustainability at Hotel Taj West End. Foreign delegates and VVIPs expected to participate in the event will be staying at the hotel.

PERPLEXING FLEXING

Citizens campaign for a 'banner free B-luru'

From roadsides to electric poles, flexes can be spotted everywhere across the city despite them being banned by a Karnataka High Court order in 2018

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With the Karnataka legislative assembly elections scheduled this year, several road development projects have commenced. Banners and flexes of elected representatives are also being put up in every corner of the city as they want to publicise their work. With the significant increase in the number of banners, citizens have started a campaign – 'flex mukta Bengaluru'. They have written a letter to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief commissioner Tushar Girinath and Chief Minister Basvaraj Bommai to put an end to the 'flex menace'.

Flexes have been put up on many electric poles, footpaths, and even near small shops. Citizens pointed out that whenever development projects start in particular wards, hoardings of the local elected representative are put up to highlight that the work is their doing.

In 2018, the Karnataka High Court (HC) had directed the Palike to take down such banners since they were causing road accidents and distracting motorists. Many people have even lost their lives due to heavy banners falling on them.

Peter Samson, a social worker, started running the flex mukta Bangalore campaign five years ago. When the HC passed the order to ban them, the campaign was put



A political flex spotted in Bengaluru; as the legislative assembly elections are scheduled this year, flexes are making a comeback

on hold. But as the banners are back with the election season, the campaign has been restarted.

Samson said, "In 2018, I started

the campaign. We even got an order from the Election Commission to not put up hoardings. Former Mayor Sampath Raj had announced

It is contempt of court to install flexes. Due to political pressure, the BBMP does not bring them down. Politicians can promote themselves online – Peter Samson, activist

to crack down on flexes. For a few months, banners did not come up. But now it is back again. It is contempt of court to install flexes. Due to political pressure, the BBMP does not bring them down. They show up during birthdays of elected representatives or for laying down new roads. Roads are being built from taxpayer money for the development of our city, not for them to publicise it. Even if they are interested in promoting themselves, they can do it digitally."

In the letter, Samson wrote about the harmful effects of banners. "It causes disfigurement of places which are enjoyable to the public. Secondly, it causes environmental damage when thrown away as they are non-biodegradable. Further, carcinogens are released into the environment when they are disposed of and burnt. It is also hazardous to pedestrians and motorists and is a revenue loss for the BBMP," it read.

Last year, Bommai had asked the BBMP not to allow flexes. However, instead of the problem stopping, more flexes are emerging.

Flex menace: Lawmakers turn lawbreakers

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On Thursday, multiple flex banners in and around the Sankey Tank area, put up to celebrate local MLA CN Ashwath Narayan's birthday, miffed walkers and residents. While some of the banners were pulled down by walkers, the rest are still up, violating the Karnataka High Court's order of 2018.

"I went to the lake on Thursday morning and noticed multiple banners at the entrance and near the water body. These huge banners have been put up by random construction companies to celebrate the MLA's birthday. The flexes were such an eyesore. I decided to pull them down. While I was removing the banners, some people walked up to me and started questioning me. However, I continued to remove it and told them it is an illegal activity," said Siddharath Bharat, a resident of the area.

Locals say that the banners are not only up at Sankey Tank - many streets in the area are also reverberating with a festive look on the occasion. "While we are talking about beautifying the Sankey Tank by building walkways and gardens, we are not paying attention to how this place is being misused to promote political events and people. Everyone is aware that flexes are banned. However, our lawmakers are turning out to be the biggest lawbreakers. Banners are there all across Malleshwaram," said Dhruv Nagarkatti, also a resident.

Residents said that politicians should be mindful that rules are not broken in their name. The MLA whose birthday is being celebrated by his supporters is equally responsible for breaking the law and showing off, said another resident. He may not have put up the banners himself, but it is his responsibility to tell his supporters to abstain from such activities, they added.

The banners, made of plastic,



were also banned in the Karnataka State Government's official gazette notification issued in 2016. There is a complete ban on all plastic and thermocol products in the state. Locals say that the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), more often than not, turns a blind eye to the problem due to political pressure. "It is not just the Sankey Tank or Malleshwaram, but the whole city is filled with banners. Around six months ago, we pulled down flexes from poles near the Majestic areas as



Walkers in Sankey Tank have been taking down flexes put up by their local MLA's supporters

BBMP failed to act. The public now will have to take charge and start pulling down the banners," said Alexander James, another frustrated local.

When Bangalore Mirror reached out to the BBMP official concerned, she said, "We have been informed about the issue and are trying our best to remove the banners. However, since the police have stopped tractor movement in ward areas, it is proving to be difficult. We are trying to get special permission to use the tractor."

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Waste of power

Austin Town



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Abandoned vehicle

Basaveshwaranagar



This abandoned vehicle in front of Deccan Paradise building on 8th Main Road, Basaveshwaranagar is collecting trash underneath it.

Where's the safety?

Nandini Layout



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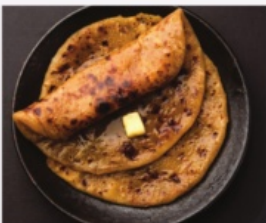
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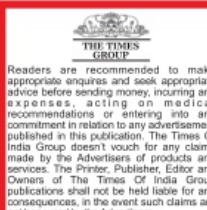
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Fake timetable causes confusion all around

Despite the medics from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) wanting the MBBS exam to be postponed, the exams are scheduled to start from February 3. However, a fake exam timetable, which said the exams are in March, has led to confusion among the students.

The MBBS students has been asking for the postponement of exams due to little time for preparation of exams. The academic year had begun late due to the covid-19 pandemic, and the students said they did not have enough time to prepare.

Initially the undergraduate theory exams of MBBS students were supposed to be begun from January 23. It was however rescheduled and postponed to begin from February 3. The revised time table was released on January 16, 2023. The theory exams will begin from February 3 while the practical exams are scheduled to start from 18th February.

However, a fake time table circulated among the students with the exam dates from March.

"There was a fake time table circulated. When it came to my notice, I alerted the authorities from RGUHS and they confirmed it to be fake. The circular was posted on social media sites to alert the students. For now, the exams will start from Friday as per the time table released by RGUHS. There is no postponement," said Sanjay Raj, State Secretary, National Students Union India, Karnataka (NSUI).

Some of the students admitted that confusion prevailed when they received the fake time table. "Initially students started to claim the exams are postponed seeing the fake time table. But with no proper details many students understood that it is a false time table which is circulated. Ideally if the exams were scheduled to March, it would have given all of us relief and more time to prepare for exams. But now we have no choice and all are prepping up for the exams starting from Friday," said a student on condition of anonymity. —BMB

Torpedoes train at their 'adopted' home

B'luru's team busy at Malleswaram stadium



Team members of The Bengaluru Torpedoes pose for a picture

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The Bengaluru Torpedoes, a leading team in the Rupay Prime Volleyball League powered by A23, is gearing up for the start of their second season. With their opening game just around the corner, the team has been working hard to fine-tune their skills and tactics in preparation for the competition.

Under the guidance of American coach David Lee, a two-time Olympic gold medalist, the team have been training at the Malleswaram Indoor Volleyball Stadium, which they adopted with the promise of maintaining. They will also be providing free training to talented players.

"We thank the state government and the Minister for Information Technology, Biotechnology and Higher Education CN Ashwath Narayan in particular for giving us the opportunity to use the facility where we run our Torpedoes Academy," said Ankit Nagori, Co-owner of Bengaluru Torpedoes.

"We provide free coaching and support with our team of coaches and physiotherapists for anyone who wants to enrol," he added.

They are excited to start the new season

"We are proud to be representing Bengaluru and are determined to make our fans proud. We have been practising here for more than a month"

—Pankaj Sharma, captain

and show fans what they have been working on, according to coach Lee. "Our team has been putting in a lot of effort and I have no doubt they will deliver their best performance," he said.

The Bengaluru Torpedoes have a roster of talented players, including Internationals Aliraja Abaluch and Svitelin Svitinov, captain Pankaj Sharma, and Vinayak Rokhade.

"We are proud to be representing Bengaluru and are determined to make our fans proud. We have been practising here for more than a month," said team captain Sharma.

He added that they were all working together and were confident in their ability to compete at the highest level.

The Rupay Prime Volleyball League season 2 begins on Saturday (February 4) in Bengaluru, and fans can expect a good show.

HC: Can collect fine from successors if accused is dead

The Karnataka High Court in an important judgment stated that a fine can be collected from a property or from the successors who inherit the property from an accused even after his death.

The bench headed by Justice Shivashankar Amarannavar gave this order on Wednesday while looking into the petition by late Tottile Gowda from Hassan. He had submitted the petition when he was alive.

The bench stated that the petitioner will not get an exemption from accountability of paying a fine as per the court order even in case



of his death.

No family member has submitted the petition after the death of the petitioner to continue the case. The counsel for late Tottile Gowda submitted that legal heirs do not want to continue the petition. The successor of the property should have to pay the fine amount, the bench said.

The Additional Sessions Court of Hassan has

imposed Rs 29,204 fine under the Sections 135, 138 of the Electricity Act, 2003 convicting petitioner late Tottile Gowda on December 12, 2011.

Tottile Gowda filed an appeal before the High Court and questioned the order of the lower court then. But, Tottile Gowda died while the petition was being heard in the High Court.

The High Court quashed the appeal petition in the backdrop of the death of petitioner. The court had also ordered to collect the fine amount from the property or from the successors of the property. —IANS

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8 ways of using apple cider vinegar for dandruff

Did you know that dandruff affects about 50 per cent of adults? Also, this common hair condition is more prevalent in males than females. A lot of factors can be responsible for the annoying itching and irritation on the scalp, but one simple trick can be the solution to all your problems – using apple cider vinegar for dandruff.

Why Apple Cider Vinegar?

Apple cider vinegar (ACV) is a common kitchen and pantry ingredient. Even if you don't have it at home, you can easily buy it online or from a grocery store. Here's what makes it the best treatment option for dandruff.

Antifungal: ACV is antifungal in nature, so it can treat dandruff caused by *Malassezia*, a fungus.

Disinfectant: ACV cleanses and disinfects the scalp to stop and prevent dandruff.

Acidic: The acidic nature of ACV inhibits bacterial and fungal growth, which can contribute to dandruff.

Rich In Acids And Minerals: ACV nourishes the scalp and boosts scalp and hair health.

Benefits Of Apple Cider Vinegar For Dandruff

Here's how apple cider vinegar tackles dandruff and keeps it at bay.

ACV Helps Scalp Itchiness, Irritation

Apple cider vinegar packs in antifungal, antibacterial, and anti-

inflammatory properties. As such, using it on the scalp can reduce itching primarily caused by dry skin.

Build-Up

Not shampooing enough is not only unhygienic, it can also lead to dandruff. Start shampooing with a mild cleanser more regularly while adding ACV to your hair care routine to cleanse scalp and clarify oil and product build-up.

Balancing pH Levels

ACV is highly acidic in nature and when used regularly, can lower the pH of your scalp, promoting its health, and making hair stronger, smoother and shinier.

Antimicrobial Properties

ACV has antibacterial and antifungal properties that fight bacteria and fungi that can cause dandruff. Apple cider vinegar use can also prevent other types of scalp infection, and soothe itchiness and dryness.

Anti-Inflammatory Properties

Since ACV is a natural substance made from fruit, it is packed with flavonoids, which have anti-inflammatory properties. Due to this, apple cider vinegar can offer relief to an itchy and inflamed scalp.

Contains Vitamins C And B

ACV contains most of the nutrients as apple cider. It is rich in B vitamins, which play an integral role in boosting immunity to counter conditions like dandruff.

ACV also contains vitamin C, which cleanses the scalp, fights bacteria, wards off dandruff, and boosts hair growth.

Antioxidant

Apple cider vinegar contains polyphenols, which act as antioxidants. These plant compounds help fight free radicals and prevent cell damage, ease inflammation, and promote overall health.

Benefits of apple cider vinegar for dandruff

How To Use Apple Cider Vinegar For Dandruff?

Apple cider vinegar can be used in various ways to treat dandruff.

Apple Cider Vinegar Rinse

Dilute apple cider vinegar in warm water in a 1:1 ratio. Use this as a rinse after shampooing to control and prevent dandruff. Leave on for about 15 minutes before rinsing with plain water. You can follow these steps once or twice weekly.

Apple Cider Vinegar And Tea Tree Oil Massage

Add a few drops of tea tree oil to a solution of apple cider vinegar and water. Mix well and massage gently onto the scalp. Rinse with a mild shampoo after about 15 minutes. Use this remedy once a week.

Apple Cider Vinegar And Aloe Vera Hair Mask

Take a tablespoon of ACV mixed in a cup of water. Add in 5-6 tablespoons of aloe vera gel. Mix well and apply to the scalp and hair. Rinse hair with water after about 10 minutes. Use this DIY remedy for dandruff up to twice weekly.

Dandruff affects about 50 per cent of adults! This common hair condition is also more prevalent in males than females. Using apple cider vinegar can help with this

Aspirin And Apple Cider Vinegar Rinse

Crush three aspirin tablets and mix in a cup of ACV. Rinse your hair using this solution after shampooing.

Leave on for about five minutes before rinsing with plain water. Follow up with conditioner. Follow this method once fortnightly.

Chamomile Tea And Vinegar Rinse

Mix a tablespoon of ACV in a cup of warm chamomile tea. Use it as a final rinse after shampooing and conditioning your hair. You can use this remedy once every fortnight.

Baking Soda And Apple Cider Vinegar Rinse

Take both ingredients in equal parts and mix well to form a paste. Use as a scrub on the scalp, massaging gently for about five minutes to remove dead skin and build-up. Rinse well with plain water. Use this remedy no more than once or twice a week.

Side Effects

While apple cider vinegar can help treat and prevent dandruff, too much of it can have adverse effects on your skin and hair. When used in excess, ACV can strip away the natural oils of your scalp and hair, further triggering dandruff. Remember to not overdo ACV treatments, and avoid leaving ACV on your scalp and hair for too long. Also oil your hair regularly to keep it from becoming brittle and breaking.

— Kalwyna Rathod (Femina)

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All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm feeling really irritated by a friend I grew up with and I don't know what to do about the situation. We're in our 40s now and both married with kids. We come from very normal families and lived next door to each other on an estate, went to the same school and kept in touch over the years when I went off to university and she went travelling and got married. She's been back living in the area for about a year now and back in my life in quite a big way. However, she's really changed and is very snobbish. She lives in a fancy house in an area that we always dreamed of living in. That would all be totally fine if she didn't constantly look down her nose at other people. She married a successful businessman, who's a bit older, and hasn't worked for a long time. I feel she's out of touch. I don't really want her in my life but I also feel a bit guilty about cutting her off. What would you do?

COLEEN SAYS

Sometimes friendships just reach a natural sell-by date because your lives take different paths and your attitudes and opinions don't match any more.

If you're keen to avoid a confrontation, then you could just back away and not be available.

However, what I'd add is that people who brag about how great their life is are usually covering up unhappiness. People who are truly content don't feel the need to tell everyone about it.

So you could try to dig a little deeper if you want to keep investing in the friendship. Also, be honest with yourself – could there be even a tiny bit of jealousy because you're working hard, while she seems to have been given everything on a plate?

If you do decide to back off and she asks you why, be honest.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

Adani brouhaha rocks the House

Oppn seeks JPC or SC-monitored probe; MPs give adjournment notices for discussion, but chair denies

The Parliament was adjourned for the day on Thursday after the Opposition stalled proceedings in both houses, demanding a JPC or a Supreme Court-monitored probe into the allegations of fraud and manipulation against billionaire Gautam Adani's companies that have triggered an unprecedented stock crash.

A united opposition, led by the Congress, raised the issue as soon as the houses commenced for the day with their MPs giving adjournment notices for a discussion on the issue.

The chair in both the upper and lower house rejected the notices, prompting opposition leaders to question the presiding officers on procedures and asking what could be more serious than demanding a discussion involving hard-earned money of Indians in LIC and SBI invested in the Adani group stocks.



Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge and other opposition MPs address the media at Vijay Chowk during the Budget Session, in Delhi on Thursday

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla denied the request for discussion, asking members to "not to make unsubstantiated claims" while Rajya Sabha

chairperson, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, rejected notices, saying they were "not in order".

Adani Group stocks have taken a

beating on the bourses after the US short-seller Hindenburg Research made a litany of allegations last week in its report, including fraudulent transactions and share price manipulation at the Gautam Adani-led group, which has denied the charges. The market losses of the Adani Group have risen to nearly USD 103 billion (about Rs 8.5 lakh crore).

Congress president and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge led the charge in the upper house, with nine MPs of various parties giving notices under rule 267 seeking suspension of the day's business to discuss the Adani-Hindenburg issue.

In the Lok Sabha too, the opposition MPs stormed the well forcing adjournment within minutes of the house meeting and then again soon after lunch. Leaders of several parties including the Congress, DMK, TMC,

SP, JD(U), Shiv Sena, CPI(M), CPI, NCP, IUML, NC, AAP and the Kerala Congress, earlier held a meeting in the morning in Kharge's chamber in the Parliament, where they strategised their plan. Kharge told reporters that the opposition parties have also called for day-to-day reporting of the JPC or the SC-monitored probe into the issue as it concerned public money invested in Adani stocks which have taken a beating on the markets ever since the Hindenburg charges came out.

"Keeping public interest in mind, we want a thorough probe into the Adani issue either by the JPC or the Supreme Court-monitored probe. There should also be day-to-day reporting of the investigation on the issue," Kharge said.

The Adani group has denied all charges and called the report malicious and full of lies. — PTI

Why digitisation alone can't help

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across geographies, languages, genres, and levels, and device-agnostic accessibility. States have also been encouraged to set up physical libraries at panchayat and ward levels and provide infrastructure for accessing the National Digital Library resources.

However, experts said digitalisation should not have been the primary focus of the government while allocating funds.

"There are schools without toilets or clean drinking water. Roughly 12.5 lakh teacher vacancies are vacant nationwide in government schools. At this time, there is no point in focusing on digitalisation or AI (artificial intelligence). They should focus on improving the 11 lakh government schools across the country to provide quality education to everyone instead of establishing some 4,000 exemplary schools," added Niranjanadhyaya.

School managements in Karnataka felt the state budget should focus on bridging gaps in government schools.

"There is no basic infrastructure required for this 'digitalisation' and the budget has not focused on that issue at all. So ultimately there will be a defeat of this purpose... The budget should support the basic requirements of schools first before digitalisation," KAMS general secretary D Shashi Kumar told Bangalore Mirror.

Out of the total allocation, Rs 68,804 crore has been allocated to the Department of School Education and Literacy, and Rs 44,094 crore to the Department of Higher

There is no basic infra required for this 'digitalisation' and the budget has not focused on that

— Shashi Kumar, KAMS

Education. However, according to the Economic Survey 2022-23, the budgetary allocation for education as a percentage of total expenditure has dropped over the past seven years, from 10.4% to 9.5%.

"In Karnataka alone, 37 lakh students do not enter higher education. The number runs to crores across the country but no concrete steps are taken to increase enrolment by reducing fees or curbing rampant commercialisation. No concrete funds to strengthen public education and a push for digitalisation, which according to the government's own study is a cause of learning loss.

Like all budgets till now, education has been neglected and there are no efforts to strengthen government schools and curb privatisation," said Ajay Kamath, AIDSO Karnataka state secretary.

Additionally, the budget has again failed to provide an investment of 6% of GDP on education, as reiterated by the National Education Policy 2020.

Educationists are of the view that the government should focus on strengthening the public education system and ensuring on the ground implementation of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009 (RTE Act).

Rapid road, not so rapid payment

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Earlier, Chief Minister Basavaraj S Bommai had said that the state government will consider the construction of rapid roads using precast technology only after examining quality and rates. The experimental rapid road was laid at CV Raman Nagar assembly constituency.

Why rapid roads?

White-topping will take a lot of time. Traffic has to be diverted and it causes density. Once laid it will be very difficult to break the white-topped roads in case of any problems. Because of this, rapid road technology has been experimented.

Under this technology, the precast slabs are prepared elsewhere and then fixed later. As a pilot, a 375 m-long rapid road has been laid out of the total 500 m. The cost of rapid roads will be 30% more than the white-topping. Currently, it is estimated that while a kilometre of black-topped road costs anywhere between Rs 75 lakh to Rs 1 crore, a kilometre of white-topped road would cost Rs 7.5 crore. The rapid road cost may be 25% more than the white-topped road.

Meanwhile, Ram Mohan Menon, specialist in highway and traffic engineering, suggested that a strong foundation is key for good roads: "There are always complaints about roads after a heavy rain.

The court orders the

BBMP commissioner to rectify within weeks yet the potholes resurfaces after every rainfall. Has anybody analysed this? New roads which were built especially at Indiranagar, Koramangala and all the other new layouts were planned only for light traffic as they were residential areas; the road work was given to c-class contractors.

The foundation laid was pathetic. That's the reason even now all the patch work which is done gets destroyed in no time because the foundation is weak. Now if they have to relay the roads, the existing road should be ripped up and a new strong foundation has to be laid. Now white-topping is going on.

They just pour concrete on dirty surfaces and initially reinforcement is being done. Now they are not going for reinforcement stating they are of higher grades of concrete.

Concrete has very high compressive strength and weak tensile strength reinforcement is required to take care of tensions. No expansion joints have been provided for the concrete. Hence, these roads may go for a toss within five years."



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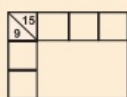
ALSO SHOWING IN HINDI & TELUGU AT PVR CINEMAS - INOX CINEMAS - CINEPOLIS CINEMAS & OTHER CINEMAS.

a yash raj films' worldwide release

$$2^{2^2} \times 2^{2^2} = ?$$

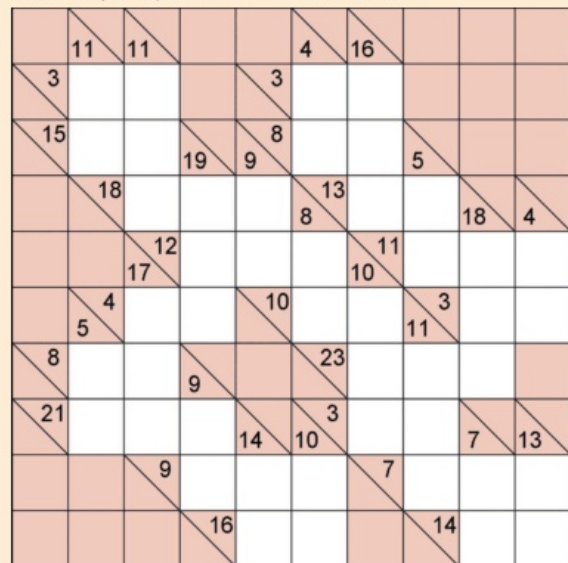
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

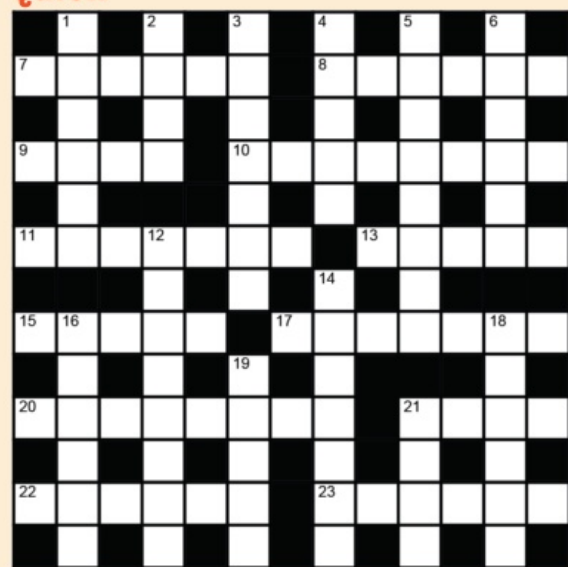


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 7 Uproar; enthusiastic admiration? (6)
- 8 Annoying (6)
- 9 Laboratory gel (4)
- 10 Privately (2,6)
- 11 Subdued, suppressed or toned down (7)
- 13 Slumbered (5)
- 15 Displayed or exhibited? (5)
- 17 Leaves quickly (4,3)
- 20 Salutation (8)
- 21 Business degrees (4)
- 22 ___ in the eye: rebuffs? (6)
- 23 The highest point, apex (6)

DOWN

- 1 Bruce Lee's forte? (4,2)
- 2 Excursion (4)
- 3 Inhabitant (7)
- 4 Put out of possession? (5)
- 5 Representative samples (8)
- 6 Beguile or ensnare (6)
- 12 Hollywood actress Jennifer ___ (8)
- 14 Pardoned (7)
- 16 Seraglios (6)
- 18 Light yellow—"Fax Len" anagram? (6)
- 19 Initial (5)
- 21 Her basilica is located in Shivajinagar (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: C EQUALS G
DUYTGDC TJNWK X PXE BUUE
NGAJ KWLJXEGDC GY XLUHDE.



Linemaro

Aside from pakoras you are my favourite



Mindchow

Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself



Joke of the day

After any salary raise, you will have less money at the end of the month than you did before

Loop

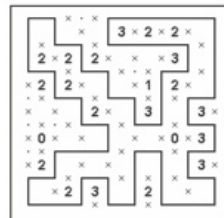
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

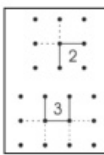
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

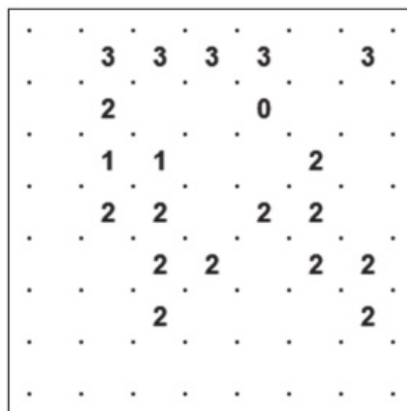
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



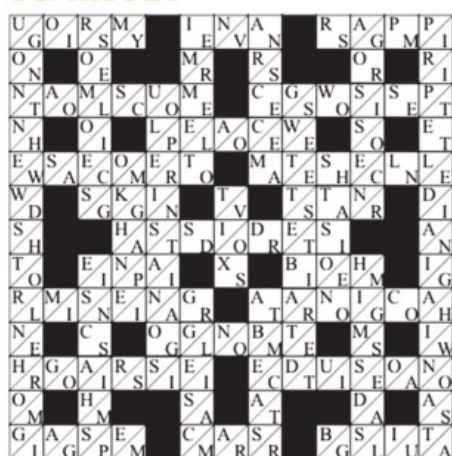
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



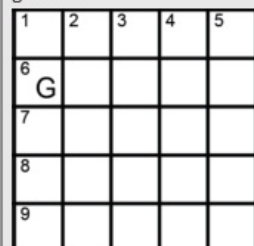
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

- 1 Pod at; 6 Forge;
- 7 It nor; 8 Dynee;
- 9 Negus

DOWN

- 1 In gag; 2 Do e'en;
- 3 To fen; 4 Duper;
- 5 Story

Mensapuzzle

What continues the following sequence?

1, 2.65, 4.3, 5.95, 7.6, ?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; 10 Good; 12 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ = 5

1 6 6 8

Medium

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ = 22

1 2 4 9

Hard

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ = 54

3 6 8 3

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bottom of tie is not showing. 2. Button is added. 3. Pocket is moved. 4. Label is missing. 5. Mouth is different. 6. Coat is not as long.

Riddler

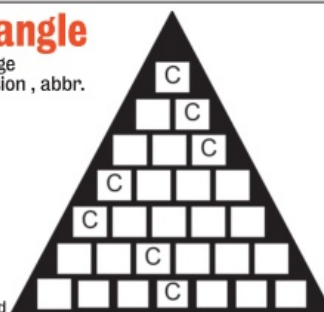
Take the given words, and by moving a single letter from one word to the other, make a pair of synonyms, or near synonyms. For example, given: Boast-Hip, move the 's' from 'Boast' to 'Hip' creating two synonyms: Boat-Ship.

1. Ham-Smuck
2. Tilde-Food
3. Sale-Cracking

Alpha triangle

- 1 Computer language
- 2 Election Commission, abbr.
- 3 Jiffy
- 4 Prompts
- 5 Crossword hints
- 6 Dad's brothers
- 7 Middy meals

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson



Bizarrotrip



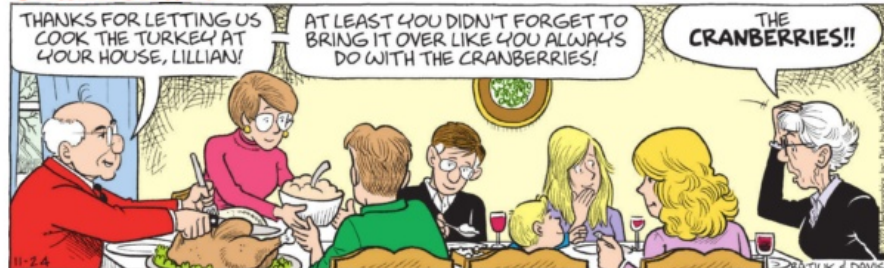
Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today your destiny may be with you. You can manage things easily, which may boost your confidence. You may plan to visit a spiritual place. You are likely to donate some money to a charity. You may expect a short business trip. Blessings from elders may bring you peace of mind. Lovebirds may get some help from family members in terms of marriage.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today messy situations are under control. People around you may now respond to you. You are advised not to take a life as a burden. You should try to sustain yourself in unavoidable situations. You may face some difficulties with regard to easy gains. Somehow, blessings from elders may help you come out from this situation. Your confusions over choosing targets may now be over.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today is a good day for you. You may have a positive environment around you after hearing some good news from siblings. Job seekers may find a good job. Spiritual energy may help you take right decisions. Your focus towards your goal will be clear now. Students may have good focus on their studies.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today you may feel dull. You may have some minor health issues, which may affect your daily routine. You may explore and analyse yourself to figure out your negatives. You may feel alone while sitting in a crowd. Your focus may be lost. In the late evening, with the help of elders, you may overcome this messy situation.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today tasks could remain incomplete and you may be a victim of mood swings. Your patience may be tested many times and silly mistakes can leave you confused. Lovebirds find themselves confused in terms of feelings. More expectations may affect your emotional attachment with your spouse. You are advised to take care of your parents. Students may lose their concentration.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today you feel dull. You may not feel healthy. You are likely to find yourself standing at crossroads. It is advised to follow your intuition before making an important decision. It is advised to drive safely and avoid adventure tourism. You may criticise yourself and find it difficult to take some important decisions, which may be a reason for lack of self confidence in you.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today you may get some business orders which may be profitable in the near future. You may implement some new ideas in your work front. New partnerships may come into being. You may be busy with work and it can make you mentally tired. It affects your domestic life.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today, with the help of your juniors, you may be able to complete postponed projects. Your network may be boosted now, which may help you in terms of your work or social life. You may plan to go for outings with friends or siblings. Some disputes with neighbours may be resolved now. Students are advised to overcome laziness and carelessness.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today is important in terms of gains. You may get results with minimal effort. Your losses may convert to profits with the help of your intelligence. You may plan to get into academics. You may donate some money to charity. You may also help needy people. Some investments in intellectual assets may be possible. Students may do well.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today you will perform well at your job. Your colleagues may cooperate with you. Your performance at work may be good. You may be able to complete your postponed projects on time. You may lend money for investment purposes. Job seekers may get a new job. There will be good news for those affected by old health issues.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today you may spend money due to family issues. It may affect your financial health. You are advised to avoid spending money on worthless things. You must think twice before you act. It is advised to control your straightforwardness to maintain harmony in your domestic and professional life.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today your performance may be very good in terms of your profession. You may have full support of your boss or senior. You are likely to get new opportunities. You can expect to get a new job. Job seekers may find suitable work. Singles will find love at their workplace.



KIDZONE



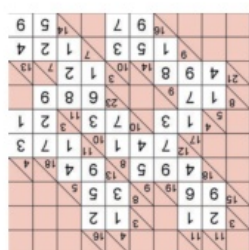
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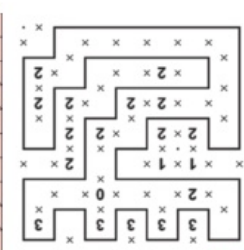
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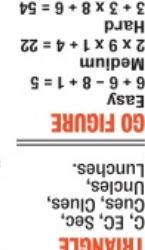
SOLUTIONS



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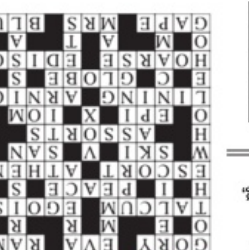
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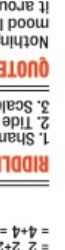
QUICK



STRIKE OUT



BULLS' EYE



SOLVE IN 10



SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Story board



Director Naresh Kumar HN was elated to have Action Prince Dhruva Sarja as his fan. Naresh Kumar approached Dhruva Sarja to release one song of his latest film South Indian Hero. "I felt very happy when Dhruva Sarja told me that he watched my movies First Rank Raju and Raju Kannada Medium. Dhruva Sarja released the song - Pakka Local Sukka Hero. He appreciated the song," said Naresh Kumar.

He said that arrangements are being made to have Real Star Upendra release the trailer of the film on Friday. "Upendra sir has watched this movie and appreciated it. He has agreed to release its trailer," he said. The director wants to release this movie on February 24. Its shooting was held for 45 days in Bengaluru, Kashmir and Ladakh and other places.

Spread the word



Director R Chandru is busy chalking out promotional events for the pan-Indian movie Kabza that went on floors two years ago. Kabza is scheduled for release in seven languages on March 17 which happens to be the birthday of late Power Star Puneeth Rajkumar. "I consider releasing Kabza on March 17 as my fortune. Puneeth Rajkumar visited the shooting location of this movie. I will never forget his encouragement to me. He used to enquire with me about the progress of this movie," recalled Chandru while interacting with media persons on Tuesday.

Chandru said he has chalked out a plan to promote the movie across the country. "I have decided to release the lyrics of this movie in Hyderabad, Chennai, Bengaluru, Mumbai and other important cities. We want to organise a big event to release the soundtrack," said the director.

He said Upendra, Sudeep and Shreya have acted well in the movie. According to him, prominent distributors have taken up responsibility to distribute the movie. "Telugu actor Nithin's father Sudhakar Reddy has taken the responsibility to distribute the Telugu version of Kabza," he said.

SHOP STOP

Sonakshi reveals why she doesn't enjoy shopping while travelling

Most travellers love to shop when travelling at interesting domestic or international destinations. An avid traveller Sonakshi Sinha on the other hand loves to utilise that time to explore places instead. The actress who's been to places like Maldives and Finland says she doesn't enjoy shopping during her trips.

She says, "I do not enjoy shopping at all and that is the last thing that I do whenever I travel. I get to shop in my city anyway, so what's the point of going to a new place and ending up in a mall wasting time on shopping?"

So, what's her preferred place to shop in her city then? "My favourite place for shopping is... online! And

the best thing about it is that I can shop there from the comfort of my home. So yes, shopping is never on my list whenever I am travelling," she says.

However, the one thing she never misses getting back home from a trip are some interesting memorabilia. She says, "I do collect memorabilia from every place that I travel to. I make sure I come back with a keychain that represents that place. I have quite a big collection right now."

—Onkar Kulkarni, ETimes

Wedding planner



Are you ready for the second Bollywood shaadi of the year? Lots of stories, video and pictures coming up. Excitement in the air! 'Shershaah' couple, Sidharth Malhotra and Kiara Advani are becoming man and wife.

Now, let's talk straight as we at ETimes usually like to. Reportedly, the media has been adding words like 'might', 'buzz is', 'whisper has it'.

Well, there is nothing like might or maybe here. It's beyond our comprehension what do people mean when they say 'Sidharth and Kiara might' become husband and wife'. And it's not February 4, 5 and 6 as is being said.

So what is it? Well, Sidharth and Kiara will become man and wife. And, the wedding rituals will be from February 5 and end on February 7.

Why Jaisalmer? "A lot of Sidharth and Kiara's relatives stay in the North. That's one of the main reasons why Jaisalmer was chosen. Frankly, there was not much debate on the city."

Next in line is a big Bollywood bash after the couple returns to Mumbai. That date is not fixed; it will depend on Kiara and Sidharth's work assignments..

— ETimes



Happy birthday sis



Actor Deepika Padukone on Thursday penned down a sweet birthday wish for her sister Anisha Padukone.

Taking to Instagram, Deepika shared a post which she captioned, "Happy Birthday! @anishapadukone."

The post reads, "If you have nothing in life but a loving sister, you are richer than you know."

Deepika and Anisha are the daughters of the former Indian badminton player Prakash Padukone and Ujjala Padukone.

Meanwhile actor Shilpa Shetty Kundra also extended warm birthday wishes to her sister Shamita Shetty.

Taking to Instagram, Shilpa shared a video which she captioned, "From sharing a box of chocolates and NOT wanting to share clothes. From being each other's agony aunts to pulling each other's hair out To... NOW becoming an inseparable pair I love you to the moon and back... HAPPYYYYY BIRTHDAAYYYYYY, my darling Tunki! Wishing you only all the choicest blessings the universe has to offer and great health above all."

— ETimes